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The castle at Ree--
I'M TELLIN' YA, BOB--I THINK I HEARD SOMETHIN' DOWN HERE...
THIS ISN'T THE WAY I USUALLY DO THIS...

I'M MORE OF A "SPUR-A-THE-MOMENT" KINDA GUY.
AN' I'M TELLIN' YOU, IT'S THESE FREAKIN' HELMETS!! WHOEVER DESIGNED THESE THINGS KNEW NOTHING ABOUT ACOUSTICS!
I CAN'T HEAR A THING!
'F I SEE SOMETHIN' I LIKE, I GRAB IT.

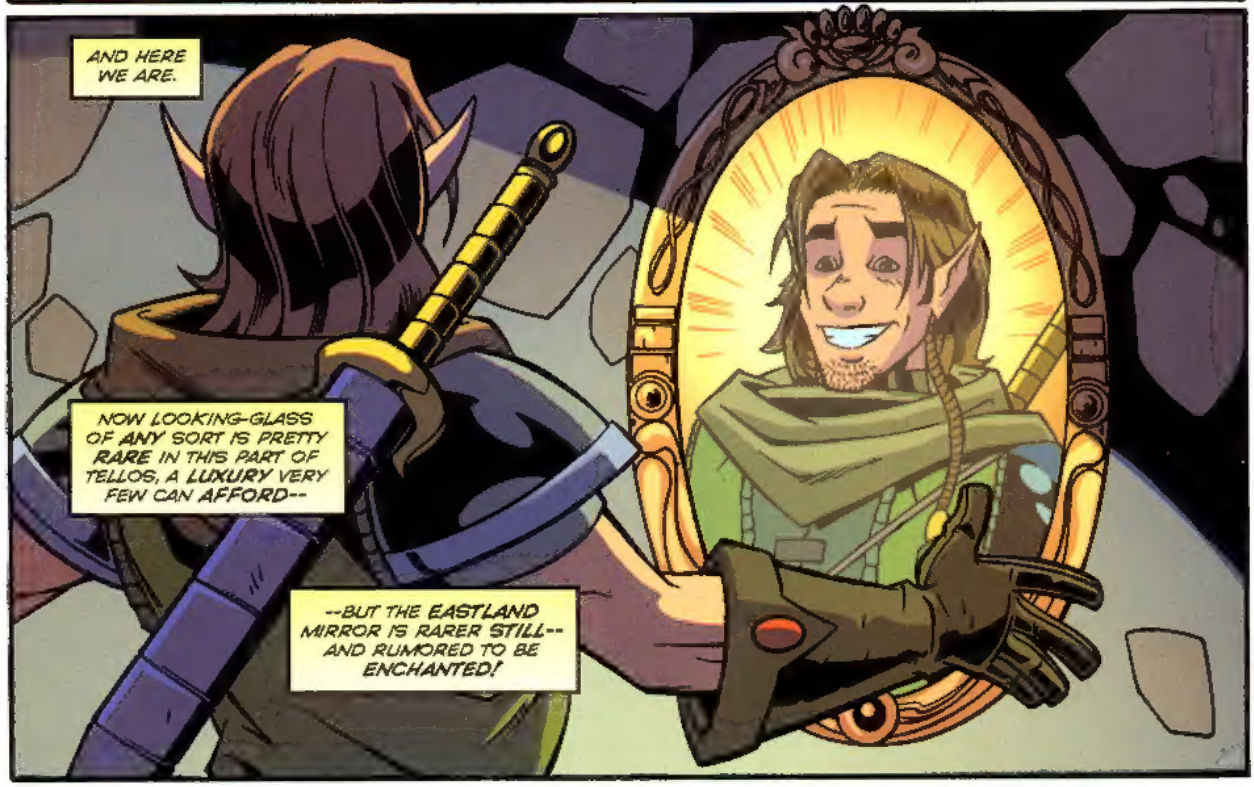
YEAH. EVERYTHING ECHOES.

WELL, KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN THEN--

--YOU CAN ALWAYS TRUST YOUR EYES.

I'M NOT ONE FOR ALLA THIS PLANNIN' AND SCHEMIN'--
--SCOPIN' THE PLACE OUT AN' ALL...

BUT THIS ISN'T MY CAPER. SO I'LL DO IT HIS WAY...
IT IS HIS LAST HEIST, AFTER ALL...


AND HERE WE ARE.
NOW LOOKING-GLASS OF ANY SORT IS PRETTY RARE IN THIS PART OF TELLOS, A LUXURY VERY FEW CAN AFFORD--
--BUT THE EASTLAND MIRROR IS RARER STILL-- AND RUMORED TO BE ENCHANTED!

LEGEND HAS IT THAT IT CAN CAPTURE YOUR IMAGE AND HOLD IT--
--FOR AS LONG AS THE VIEWER WISHES...
I CAN LOOK LIKE HIM USING THE MAGIK OF THE SPHERE OF 'SQUERADE...
...BUT THAT DOESN'T BRING HIM BACK.
IT'S BEEN ALMOST 40 SUNS NOW SINCE HAWKE WAS KILLED BACK IN HIN.
HE WAS MY PARTNER.
HE WAS MY BEST FRIEND.
I miss ya, buddy.

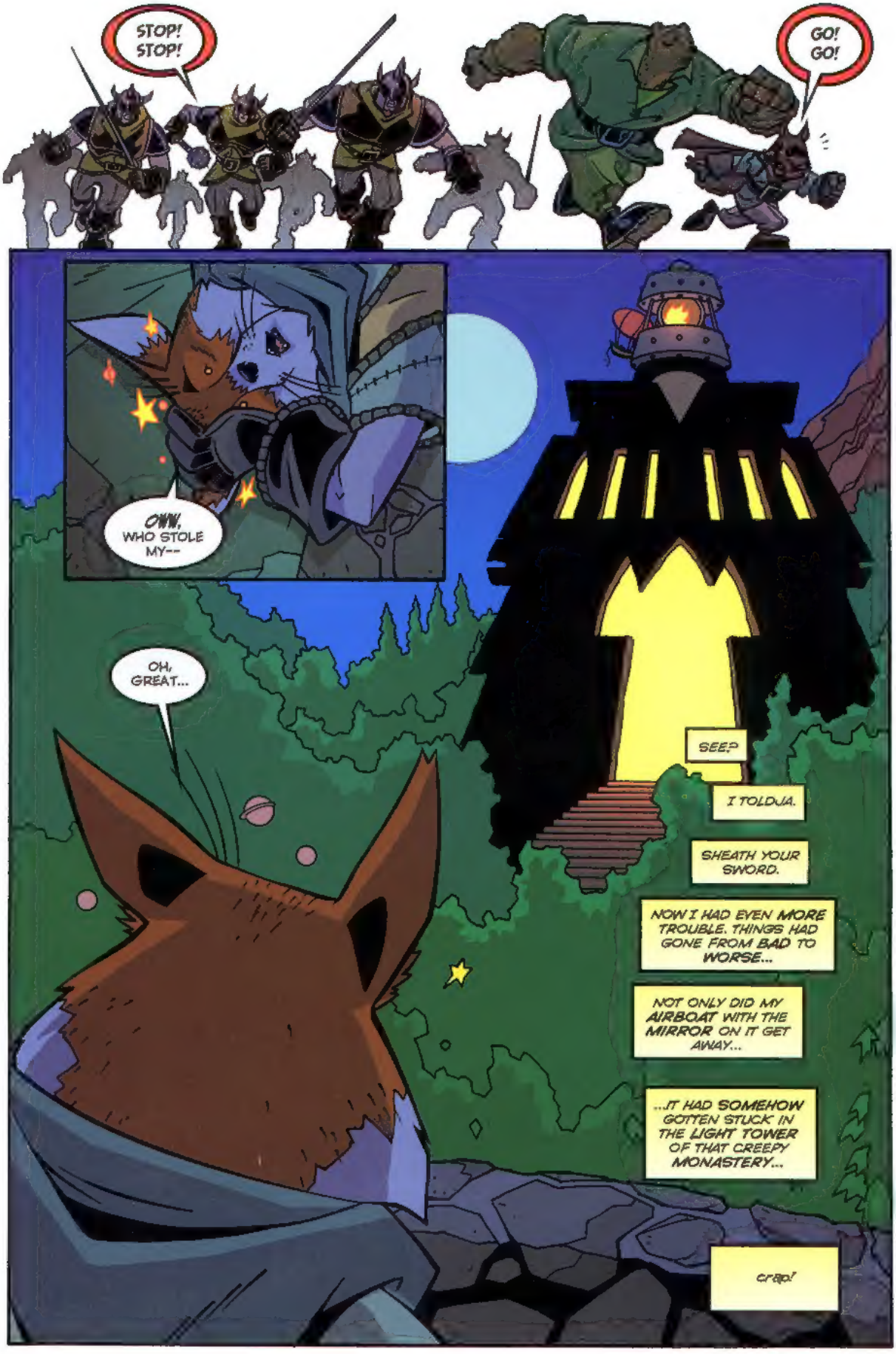
OKAY, ENOUGH OF THAT.
TIME TO MAKE MY EXIT.
I SAID BEFORE THAT I DIDN'T GO IN FOR ALLA THAT PLANNIN' AND PREPARIN' AND STUFF--
--BUT I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO HAVE AN AIRBOAT MOORED NEARBY TO AVOID RUNNING INTO ANY UNSAVORY--
I KNEW I SMELLED SOMETHING RANCID, PEATOOT--
ope?!
IT'S ALSO A GOOD IDEA TO SHEATH YOUR SWORD WHEN YOU'RE NOT USING IT...BUT I DON'T LEARN THAT LESSON FOR ANOTHER PAGE OR TWO...
SHIKT!
BUGDUSTY! PEATOOT!?
HELLO, RIKK--
--UP TO YOUR OLD TRICKS I SEE! I'M SURE YOUR SLIMEDOG OF A PARTNER IS AROUND HERE SOMEPLACE WAITING TO STEAL OUR PRIZE AND SET US UP FOR THE FALL...!

WHOA, WHOA, BUG, OLD BUDDY...! HOW CAN YOU THINK THAT OF ME...? WOULD I DO THAT TO YOU?!
WHAT ABOUT HONOR AMONG THIEVES AN' ALL THAT...?!

NO, I THINK WE JUST HAPPENED TO BE GOING AFTER THE SAME BIT OF LOOT...YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY, "GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE..."
...SO, SINCE NEITHER ONE OF YOU PEANUT-HEADS COULDA COME UP WITH IT, WHOEVER THOUGHT THIS ONE UP FOR YA MUSTA BEEN A GENIUS!
WHY YOU--

THERE THEY ARE, BOB! TWO OF 'EM!
HOLD, THIEVES!!
HEY, YOU GUYS-- WE GOT EM DOWN HERE!! BACK-UP!!

STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
YOU DID SET US UP, YOU LOUSY--
SORRY, BOYS--GOT AN AIRBOAT WAITING...
-EEEEOOOOOOOWWWWW!
oh sh--
SAY HELLO TO THE DUNGEON FOR ME! I'M OUTTA HE--


STOP! STOP!
GO! GO!
OWW, WHO STOLE MY--
OH, GREAT...
SEE?
I TOLDJA.
SHEATH YOUR SWORD.
NOW I HAD EVEN MORE TROUBLE. THINGS HAD GONE FROM BAD TO WORSE...
NOT ONLY DID MY AIRBOAT WITH THE MIRROR ON IT GET AWAY...
...IT HAD SOMEHOW GOTTEN STUCK IN THE LIGHT TOWER OF THAT CREEPY MONASTERY...
crap!

Meanwhile, some 43 suns earlier--

--in the far off land of Ona-Ti--

--where some of you may be experiencing a mild sensation of deja vu...

WELL, TOM-DUDE, THERE THEY GO. SUCKS THAT I CAN'T GO WITH 'EM.

HOPE THAT MALESUR JERK DOESN'T GET THEIR NUMBER THIS TIME..

MAN, 'P'I EVER SAW THAT GUY I WOULD SERIOUSLY MESS HIM UP! DO SOME SHANDOAN LI-TZEN ON HIS ASS, AN' THEN SOME PEH-T'-DA-FU, AN' THEN--

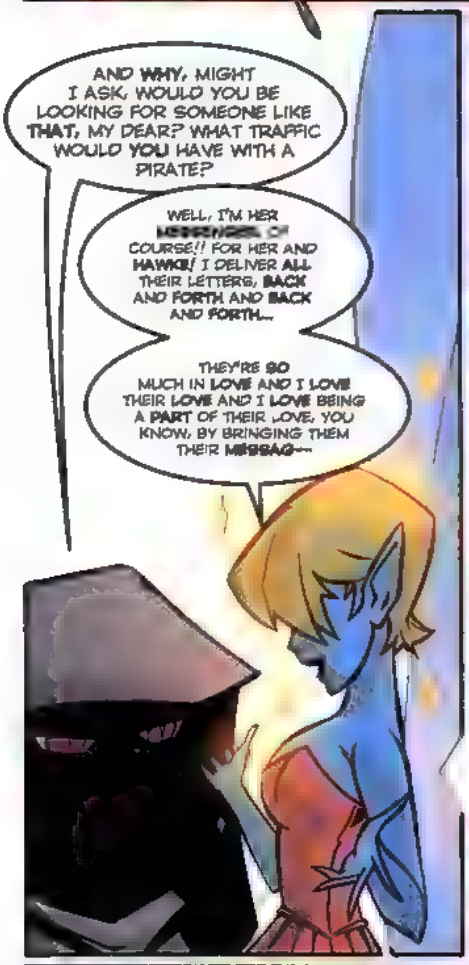
DUDE, HOW'D D'YA THINK THAT MALESUR DID GET THE SCOOP ON THOSE GUYS?

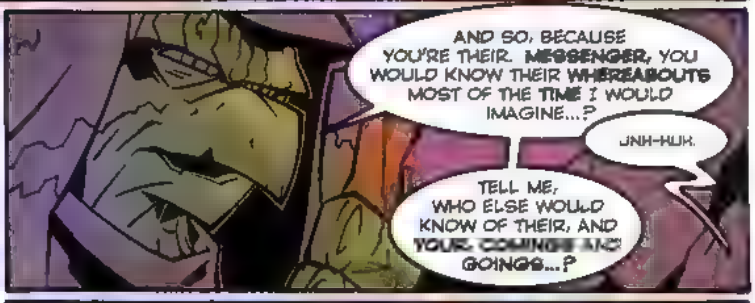
FOR ONCE... "DUDE"... I AM COMPLETELY STUM--

HEYA! HIYA! GOOD MORNING! GOOD NEWSUN!

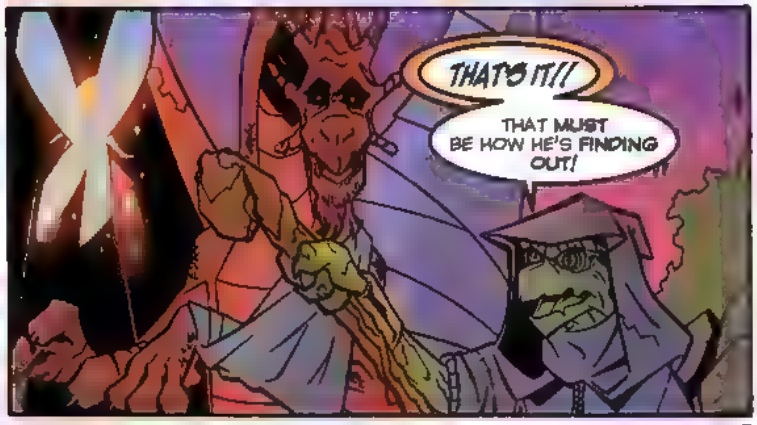
EXCUSE ME, BUT HAVE EITHER OF YOU GENTLEMEN SEEN A BLACK-HAIRED PIRATE GIRL CAPTA N NAMED [illegible]...?

YEAH! AS A MATTER OF FACT, LIL' FAERIE, WE JUST--
--OWW!!
TOM--DUDE .. I KNOW YER OLD AN' ALL, BUT YA GOTTA WATCH IT WITH THAT STICK, MAN...
{ahem} MY APOLOGIES, BRAD


AND WHY, MIGHT I ASK, WOULD YOU BE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE LIKE THAT, MY DEAR? WHAT TRAFFIC WOULD YOU HAVE WITH A PIRATE?
WELL, I'M HER MESSENGER, OF COURSE!! FOR HER AND HAWKE! I DELIVER ALL THEIR LETTERS, BACK AND FORTH AND BACK AND FORTH...
THEY'RE SO MUCH IN LOVE AND I LOVE THEIR LOVE AND I LOVE BEING A PART OF THEIR LOVE, YOU KNOW, BY BRINGING THEM THEIR MESSAG---


AND SO, BECAUSE YOU'RE THEIR MESSENGER, YOU WOULD KNOW THEIR WHEREABOUTS MOST OF THE TIME I WOULD IMAGINE...?
UNH-HUH.
TELL ME, WHO ELSE WOULD KNOW OF THEIR, AND YOUR, COMINGS AND GOINGS...?

WELL, JUST LUDI, MY DISPATCHER. I HAFTA REPORT INTO HIM WHENEVER I--


THAT'S IT!!
THAT MUST BE HOW HE'S FINDING OUT!

THIS LUDI MUST BE IN LEAGUE WITH MALEGUR! HE'S BEEN SUPPLYING HIM WITH SERRA'S LOCATION ALL ALONG!!
WHILE YOU NEVER KNEW IT, YOUNG LADY, WITH EACH REPORT YOU FILED, YOU WERE PUTTING THOSE LOVERS YOU LOVE TO LOVE IN THE MOST DIRE JEOPARDY!!

OH, NO!
NO NO NO NO NO! WHAT HAVE I DONE...
WHAT HAVE I DONE?!?

DUDE. YA MADE HER CRY
I... I DIDN'T MEAN TO.
GO AFTER HER, BRAD. CONSOLE HER. AND, PLEASE, APOLOGIZE FOR ME. .
I'M GOING TO TRANSPORT MYSELF BACK INTO MALESUR'S LAIR DISGUISED AS ONE OF HIS SHADOWJUMPERS--

--AND TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT MALESUR DOES KNOW ABOUT JAREK, KOJ, AND SERRA'S NEXT DESTINATION!
'KAY, DUDE. GOOD LUCK!
AND TO YOU T--

And soon--
YO! LIL' FAERIE-CHICK?! WHERE'D YA--
OH-- THERE YA ARE
I WAS THINKIN' MAYBE YOU WENT TO--
GO 'WAY. I'VE DOOMED THEM. I'VE DOOMED THEM ALL...
NO, NO YOU DIDN'T. YOU JUST GOT TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF. THAT HAPPENS TO GOOD PEOPLE ALL THE TIME!
YOU DIDN'T KNOW SOMEONE BAD WAS DOIN' SOMETHIN' BAD WITH THE INFORMATION YOU GAVE 'EM...IT'S NOT YER FAULT
BUT IF YA WANT, I BET WE COULD FIX IT. LIKE, WE COULD GO AN' WARN 'EM AND STUFF. .HELP OUT THAT MIGHT MAKE IT BETTER...
I don't think there's anything I could do to--
REALLY?! LET'S GO!
And, not far away--
STAND ASIDE! STAND ASIDE, YOU CURS!

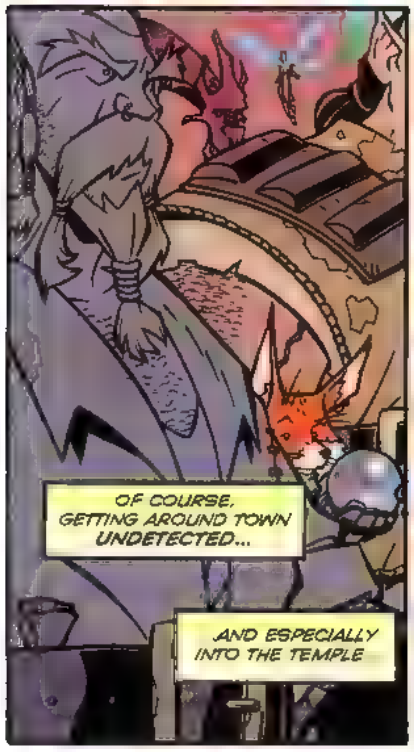
BY ROYAL ORDER OF THE REGENT OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF LUPTHOLDE, I, THE CAPTAIN OF THE HER MAJESTY'S GUARD, COMMAND YOU TO SURRENDER THESE TWO FELONS TO ME!!
REWARD
20000 DRUES
YOU!!
I KNOW YOU'RE HIDING THEM! WHERE ARE THEY?!
I D- I D-D-DON'T-- I DON'T KN-KNOW. M-M-MAYBE MAYBE BRAD KNOWS.
BRAD?!?
AND WHERE IS THIS "BRAD" HIDING ..?!
DUDE

Ree--
--th'sun...
THEY HAVE THE FESTIVAL AT REE AT THE BEGINNING OF EVERY AUTUMN-FALL; THERE'S FOOD AN' MUSIC AN' TRICKSTERS AN' SHOWS--
--AN' WITH ALLA THE DIFFERENT PEOPLES AN' CREATURES THAT'RE COMIN' AN' GOIN' DURING THESE 5 CRAZY SUNS AND MOONS--
--IT'S EASY FER A LITTLE GUY LIK'E ME TO BLEND RIGHT IN WITH THE CROWD...
JUST NEED A SECOND TO DO A LITTLE RECONNAISSANCE...
GOOD. EITHER NONE OF THOSE FREAKY MONK'S NOTICED OR THEY JUST DON'T CARE..
BUT MY AIRBOAT-- AND THE MIRROR-- LOOK LIKE THEY'RE STILL OKAY .

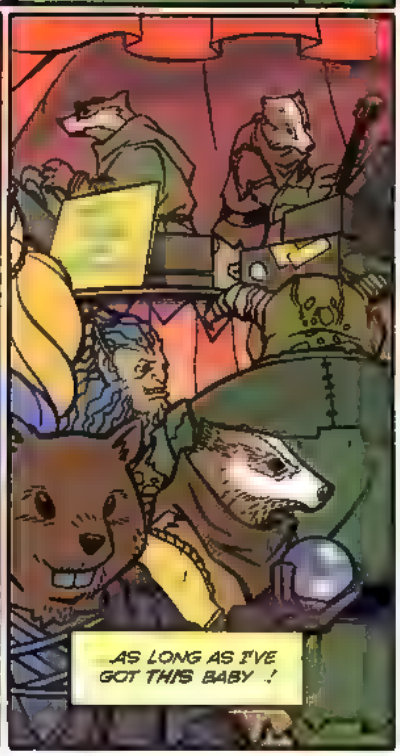
SEE? SEEP!
WHAT'S HE LOOKIN' AT...? ..AN' WHERE'S HAWKE?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT HE'S UP TO SOMETHING, PEATOOT
I DON'T KNOW WHAT, BUT I'M SICK AND TIRED OF THAT STUPID FOX GETTING THE JUMP ON US EVERYWHERE WE GO! AND LEAVING US HOLDING THE BAG...

IT'S TIME WE FOUND A WAY TO FRAME HIM INSTEAD !
YEAH, BUT HOW...?

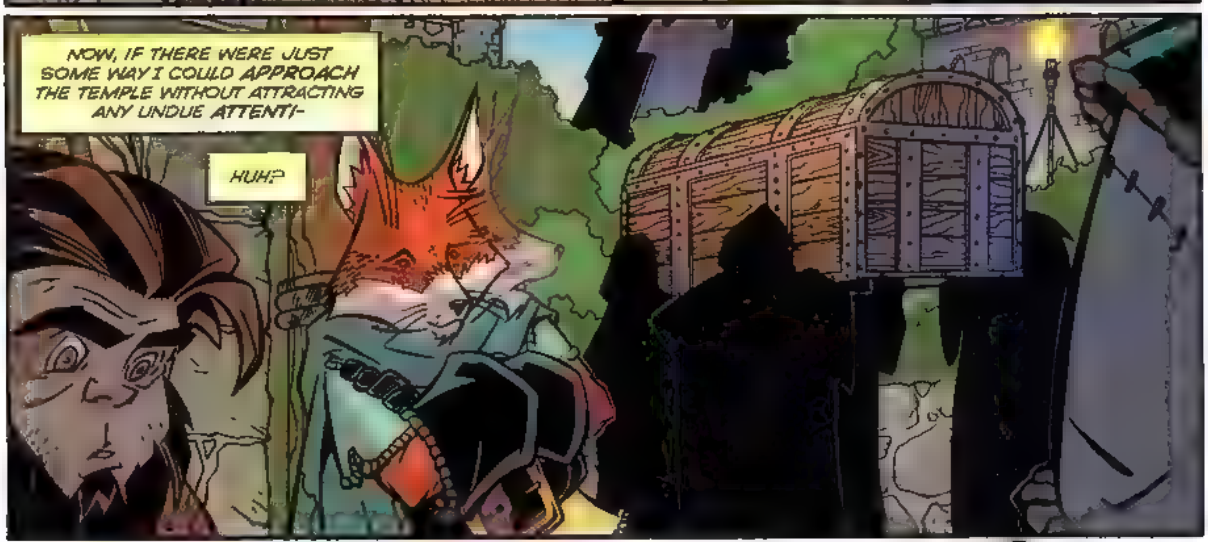
SPIRITS
I DON'T KNOW...BUT I'M GETTING AN IDEA...


OF COURSE, GETTING AROUND TOWN UNDETECTED...
AND ESPECIALLY INTO THE TEMPLE

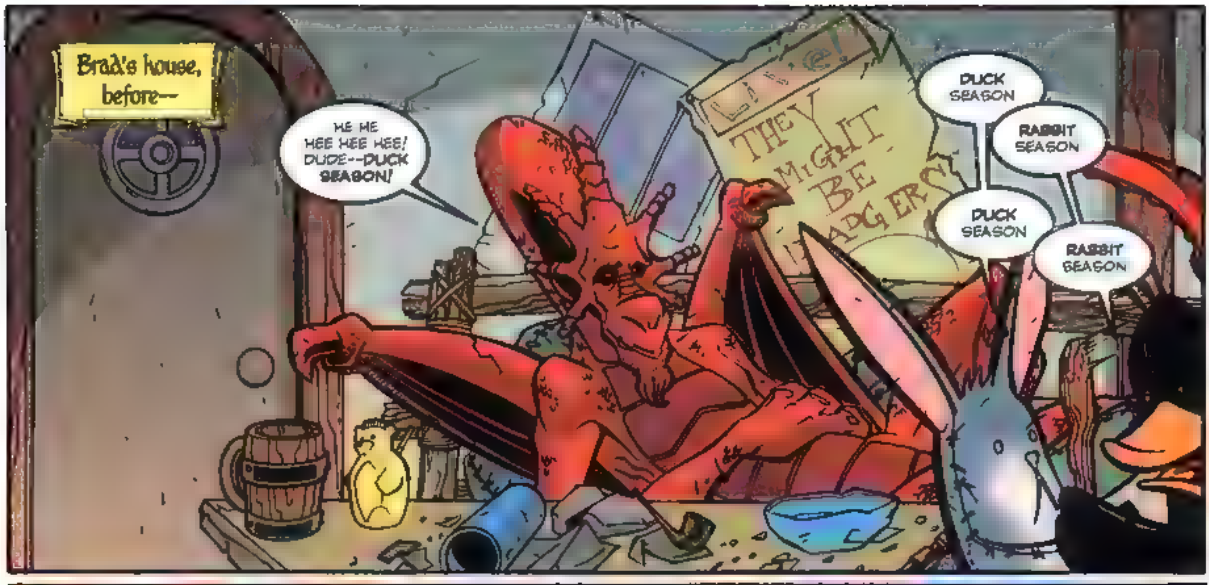
ISN'T A PROBLEM AT ALL...


AS LONG AS I'VE GOT THIS BABY !

I DON'T GET IT, BUG--WHADDA WE GONNA DO WITH THE WINE? WE GONNA HAVE A PARTY?
SHUT UP, YOU MORON! IT'S ALL PART OF MY PLAN...
I'LL USE THE WINE TO DYE MY FUR TO LOOK LIKE THAT CURSED FOX! THEN WE'LL SEE HOW MUCH TROUBLE I CAN GET HIM IN...!
NO PARTY...?
NO
YOU IMBECILE!
shoot!

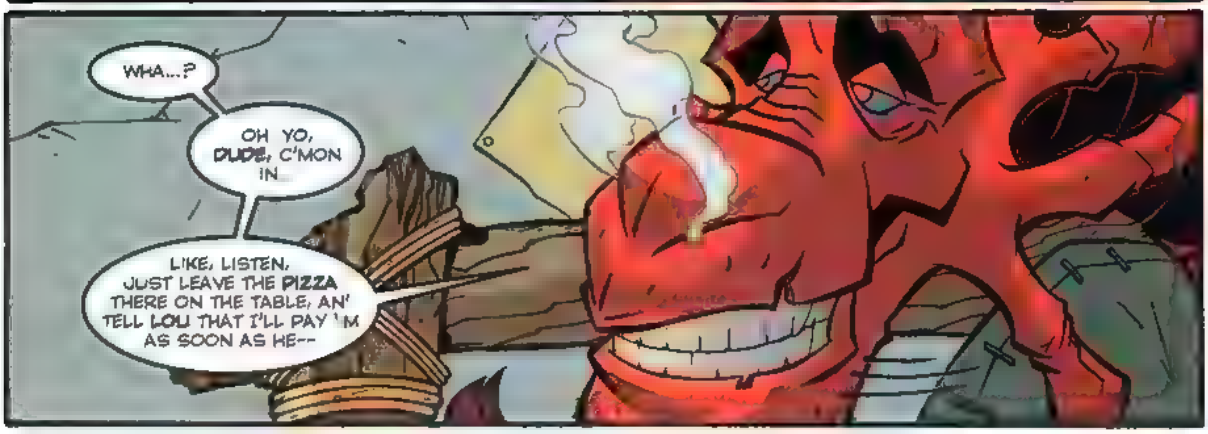

NOW, IF THERE WERE JUST SOME WAY I COULD APPROACH THE TEMPLE WITHOUT ATTRACTING ANY UNDUE ATTENTI-
HUH?

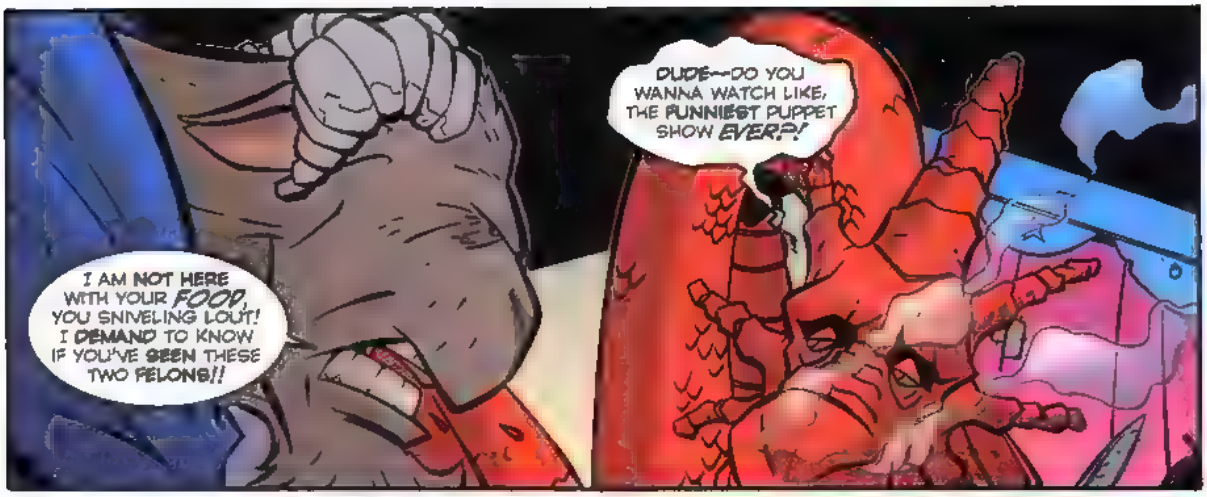
WELL IT WORKS FER ME!

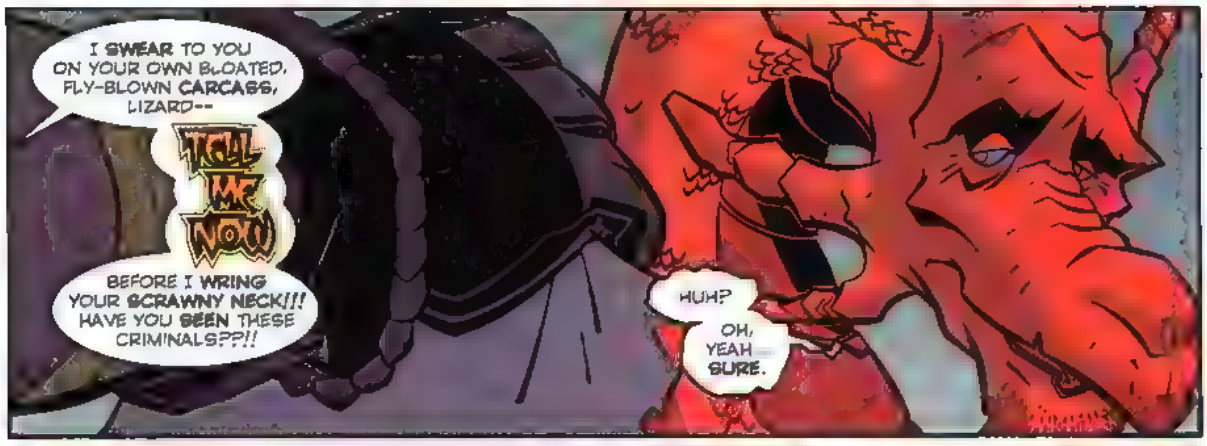

Brad's house, before--
HE HE HEE HEE HEE! DUDE--DUCK SEASON!
THEY MIGHT BE DANGERO
DUCK SEASON
RABBIT SEASON
DUCK SEASON
RABBIT SEASON

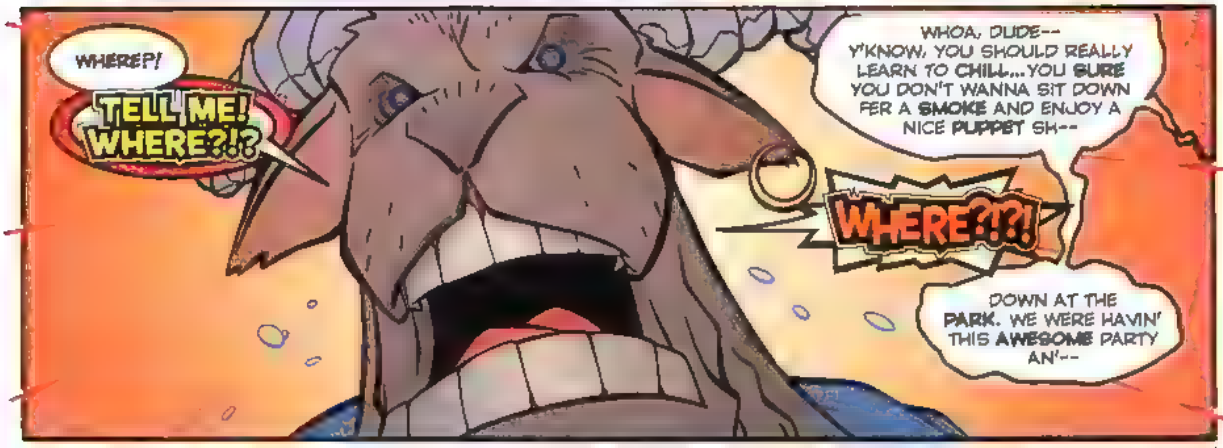
HE HE HE HE THIS S GENIUS!
YA WANNA SHOOT HIM NOW OR SHOOT HIM LATER?
SHOOT ME NOW! SHOOT ME NOW!

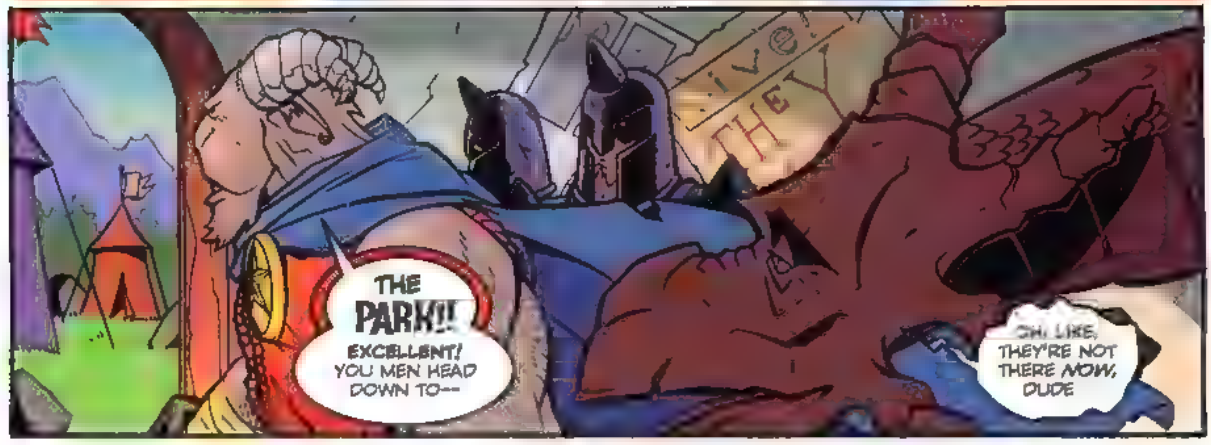
BLAM!
BRAD THE DRAGON! BY ROYAL DECREE OF THE REGENT OF LUPTHOLDE, I DEMAND THAT YOU--
REWARD
20000 DRUES
HUH?
LET'S TRY THAT AGAIN...


WHA...?
OH YO, DUDE, C'MON IN...
LIKE, LISTEN, JUST LEAVE THE PIZZA THERE ON THE TABLE, AN' TELL LOU THAT I'LL PAY 'IM AS SOON AS HE--


I AM NOT HERE WITH YOUR FOOD, YOU SNIVELING LOUT! I DEMAND TO KNOW IF YOU'VE SEEN THESE TWO FELONS!!
DUDE--DO YOU WANNA WATCH LIKE, THE FUNNIEST PUPPET SHOW EVER?!


I SWEAR TO YOU ON YOUR OWN BLOATED, FLY-BLOWN CARCASS, LIZARD--
TELL ME NOW!
BEFORE I WRING YOUR SCRAWNY NECK!!! HAVE YOU SEEN THESE CRIMINALS??!!
HUH?
OH, YEAH-- SURE.


WHERE?!
TELL ME! WHERE?!?
WHOA, DUDE-- Y'KNOW, YOU SHOULD REALLY LEARN TO CHILL...YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANNA SIT DOWN FER A SMOKE AND ENJOY A NICE PUPPET SH--
WHERE?!?!
DOWN AT THE PARK. WE WERE HAVIN' THIS AWESOME PARTY AN'--


THE PARK!!
EXCELLENT! YOU MEN HEAD DOWN TO--
OH, LIKE, THEY'RE NOT THERE NOW, DUDE

THAT WAS, LIKE, 3 SUNS AGO.
YO, ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANNA CATCH THIS...? YOU'RE MISSING SOME GREAT PUPP-
DO YOU
KNOW
WHERE THEY ARE.
NOW?
DUNNO, DUDE THEY DIDN'T WANNA WATCH THE PUPPETS EITHER.
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS NONSENSE! YOU'RE A WASTE OF MY TIME!
BUT SHOULD I FIND THAT YOU'VE HELD BACK ON ME, I WILL RETURN...AND YOU WILL EXPERIENCE THE PAIN THAT COMES WITH CROSSING ME!
GOTCHA
he he he. BRAD, DUDE, WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
heh LENNY--- DUDE, I DO. NOT KNOW.
NOW LET ME DO THE PUPPETS.

And outside--
THE DRAGON KNOWS MUCH MORE THAN HE'S TELLING. HE IS A GIMPLETON, BUT HE BELIEVES HE IS BEING SLY.
YOU FOUR WILL RETURN TO LUPTHOLDE. I'LL FOLLOW THE DRAGON AS HE WILL SURELY GO TO WARN HIS FRIENDS.
TELL HER REGENCE THAT I WILL RETURN SHORTLY, WITH BOTH THE GLOBE--

--AND THEIR CORPSES!!
BRAD! BRAD!
he he heh-- LUKE! I AM YOUR FATHER...
HAHAHAHA!

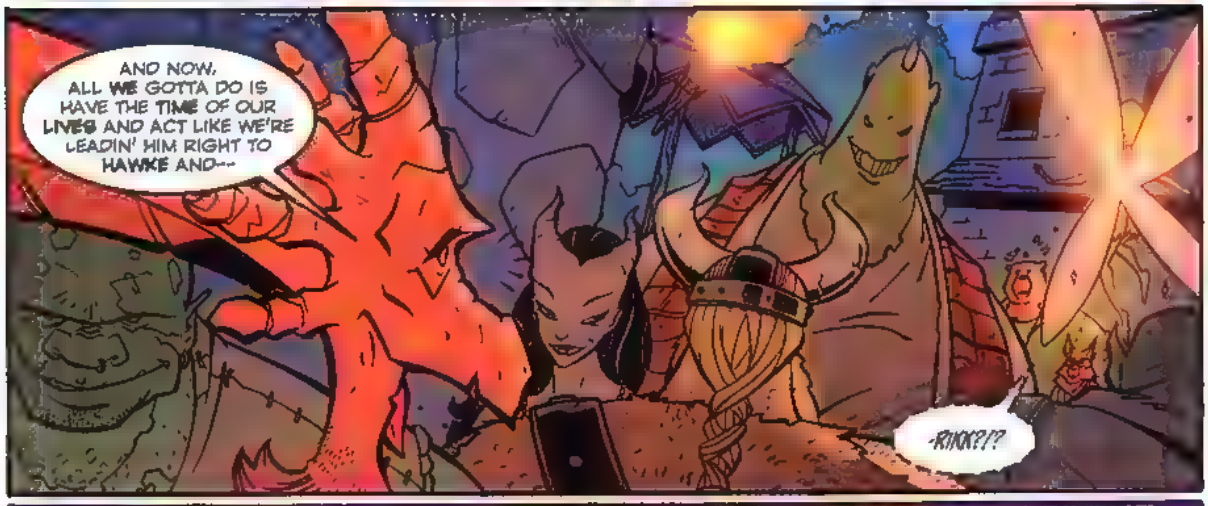
I WAS JUST OUTSIDE AND I OVERHEARD THE OGRINN TALKING TO HIS MEN HE SAYS THAT HE THINKS YOU KNOW WHERE HAWKE AND RIKK ARE BUT YOU'RE NOT TELLING SO HE'S GONNA FOLLOW YOU AND YOU'LL LEAD HIM RIGHT TO THEM!

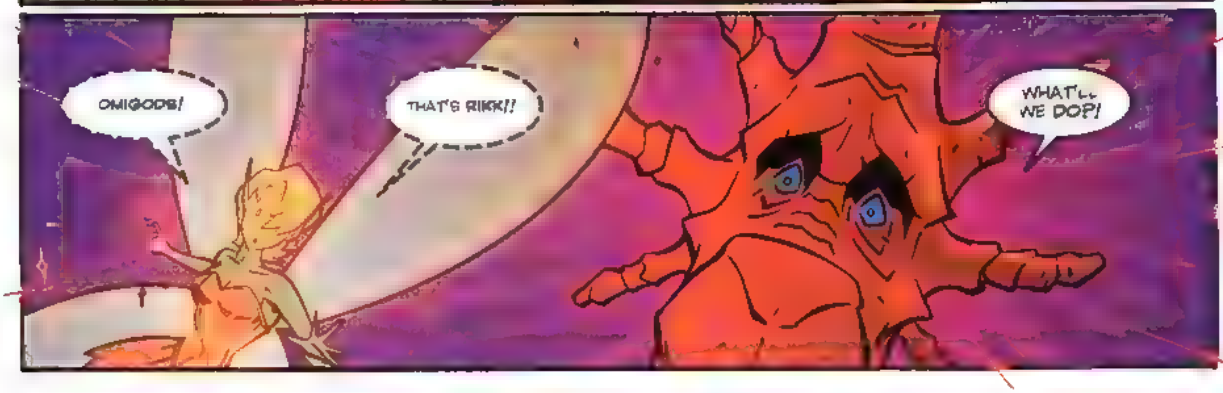
OH, HE DOES, DOES HE. .
WELL, DUDES, I THINK I GOT AN IDEA...
.. AND MAYBE WE'LL LEAD HIM TO THEM. .AND MAYBE WE WON'T!

THIS WAS A GREAT IDEA, DANI-CHICK! LIKE, NOT ONLY HAVE WE LED THAT CRAZY RAM-DUDE ON YET ANOTHER WILD GOOSE CHASE--
--BUT, MY TINY FAERIE FRIEND--- THIS IS SOME PARTY!!

SO, DUDETTE, LIKE, IS HE STILL BACK THERE...
HEE HEE YEAH HE'S STAYING A BIT BEHIND AND TO THE SHADOWS.

BUT HE'S STILL THERE!


AND NOW, ALL WE GOTTA DO IS HAVE THE TIME OF OUR LIVES AND ACT LIKE WE'RE LEADIN' HIM RIGHT TO HAWKE AND--
-RIKK?!?


OMIGODS!
THAT'S RIKK!!
WHAT'LL WE DO?!

NO PROBLEM, NO PROBLEM. WE CAN DO THIS. DON'T PANIC. WE LED THE BAD GUY RIGHT TO OUR FRIEND. BUT IT'S COOL--
--ALL WE GOTTA DO IS GET TO RIKK PRONTO AND GET HIS FURRY LITTLE TAIL OUTTA HERE!
DO IT QUICK, BRAD THE CAPTAIN ISN'T EVEN LOOKING THIS WAY.
HEY THERE, RIKK OL' BUDDY IT'S ME, DUDE-- BRAD
DON'T PANIC MAN, BUT YER IN GRAVE DANGER, AN' DANI AN' ME'RE HERE T'HELP
WE GOTTA HIDE YA!
WHERE TO HIDE...WHERE TO HIDE...?
HEY, BADGER-DUDES--I NEED A FAVOR...
HEYP! WHAT TH-- COME BACK HERE WITH BUG--
er...
.. COME BACK HERE WITH MY FOX!!
LIKE, YOU HIDE HERE IN THIS DRUM, RIKK-- BADGER-DUDES, SING--
--SING!!
THA BRUMP!

THIS PLACE IS GIVIN' ME THE FREAK'IN' CREEPS...!

AN' THESE CREEPY MONK'S ARE CREEPY, TOO!

THEY MUSTA TAK'EN A VOW OF SILENCE'R SOMETHING 'CAUSE NONE OF 'EM'S MADE A SINGLE SOUND COMING UP HERE ..!

THEY JUST KINDA NOD AT EACH OTHER AN' SHUFFLE ALONG.

CREEPY

WELL, I DON'T CARE S'LONG AS I CAN GET TO THE TOWER, GET MY AIRBOAT...AND GET THE HIN OUTTA HERE!

ARE YOU READY?

RINGO'S TAVERN INN

NO VACANCY

YUP

WELL, HOW DO I LOOK? DO I LOOK LIKE--

RIKKR!

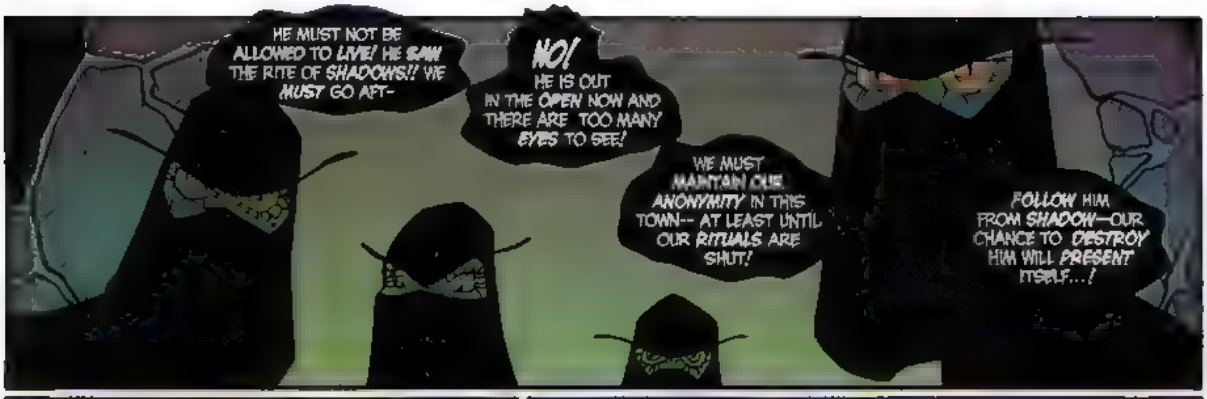
WHADAYOOO DOON' HERE?! WHADIJOO DO WITH BUGDUS'Y...?

IT'S ME, YOU BIG IGNORAMUS! I KNOW THE DISGUISE IS BRILLIANT, BUT-- HEYYYYY...

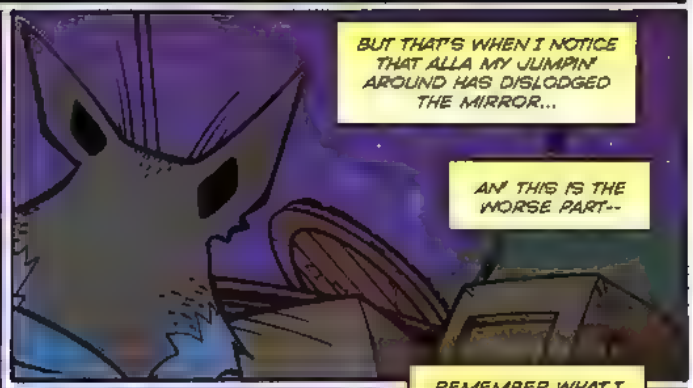
PEATOOT, WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THAT TUB OF WINE...?

LET'S SEE, THE WAY TO THE TOWER SHOULD BE JUST THROUGH--
WHOA WHAT'RE THESE STIFFS UP TO HERE? SOME KINDA CEREMONY'R SOMETHING...
AND WHAT IS IT ABOUT THESE GUYS THAT SEEMS SO FAMIL--
BY THE GODS!?!
--SHADOWJUMPERS!?!
THESE GUYS ARE REALLY SHADOWJUMPERS!

NO
CRUNCH!
NOT ONLY HAVE I STUMBLED INTO A DEADLY CABAL OF SHADOWJUMPERS... BUT THIS CEREMONY... WHAT THEY'RE DOING. . IT'S. IT'S .
INTRUDER!
GREAT
I WAS SO FREAKED, I LOST MY CONCENTRATION AN' LET MY CLOAK DROP.
CRAP
SEIZE HIM! HE CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE!
PLEASE MAKE IT TO THE AIRBOAT...PLEASE MAKE IT TO THE AIRBOAT ..!
PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE
AHHHHH
THANK YOU


HE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO LIVE! HE SAW THE RITE OF SHADOWS!! WE MUST GO AFT-
NO! HE IS OUT IN THE OPEN NOW AND THERE ARE TOO MANY EYES TO SEE!
WE MUST MAINTAIN OUR ANONYMITY IN THIS TOWN-- AT LEAST UNTIL OUR RITUALS ARE SHUT!
FOLLOW HIM FROM SHADOW—OUR CHANCE TO DESTROY HIM WILL PRESENT ITSELF...!

I'VE DEALT WITH THESE SLIME-DOGS BEFORE. AN' I KNOW THAT THEY CAN 'JUMP' FROM ONE SHADOW TO THE NEXT--ANY SIZE AT ALL...
C'MON, YOU SNAKES! I'M READY FOR YA!


BUT THAT'S WHEN I NOTICE THAT ALLA MY JUMPIN' AROUND HAS DISLODGED THE MIRROR...
AN' THIS IS THE WORSE PART--

REMEMBER WHAT I SAID? BACK IN THE BEGINNING? ABOUT SHEATHING YOUR SWORD ...?

SHIKT!
SOMETIMES I JUST NEVER LEARN--
SHIKT!
THIS IS THE MOST WORST THING THAT'S EVER HAPPENED TO ME.

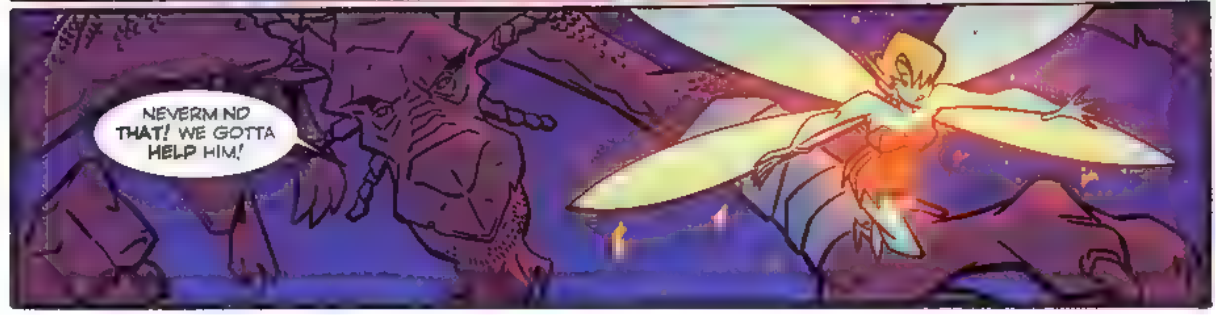
I KNOW THAT FOX IS HERE, LIZARD!! TELL ME WHERE OR YOUR LIFE ENDS THIS SUN
Smiff mm mm

HEY...P! THERE HE S!!--

--HOW'D HE GET UP THERE?!?
IS RIKK

HANG ON, BUDDY! I'M COM'N' T'GETCHA!!
AS AM I, TH EVING SCUM!

BUT IF RIKK'S UP THERE...THEN WHO'S THAT?!
Ohhm


NEVERM ND THAT! WE GOTTA HELP HIM!

HANG ON, BUG--I'M COMIN'!! I'LL SAVE YA!
NO, PEATOOT, YA BIG LUMMOX! STOP! YOU'RE PULLIN' ME DOWN!
YOU'RE MAKIN' ME LOSE MY GRIP ON THE--
HI, RIKK! WE'RE HERE TO HELP! WE CAME AS SOON AS WE COULD!
YEAH

IDIOT! YA WANNA HELP—GRAB THE MIRROR!!!
Not you, Dam! I meant—
I GOT IT—
SURK
I GOT IT—
SUNFFF
—I don't got it.
NO!
WHOA
IDIOT! GO GET HER!
OH RIGHT

WOOSH!
*URNNNN!
GOTCHA!

I'LL SAVE YA, BUGDUSTY! JUST HANG ON!
PERFECT...

PEATOOT! LET GO! YOU'RE GONNA CRASH US BOTH!!

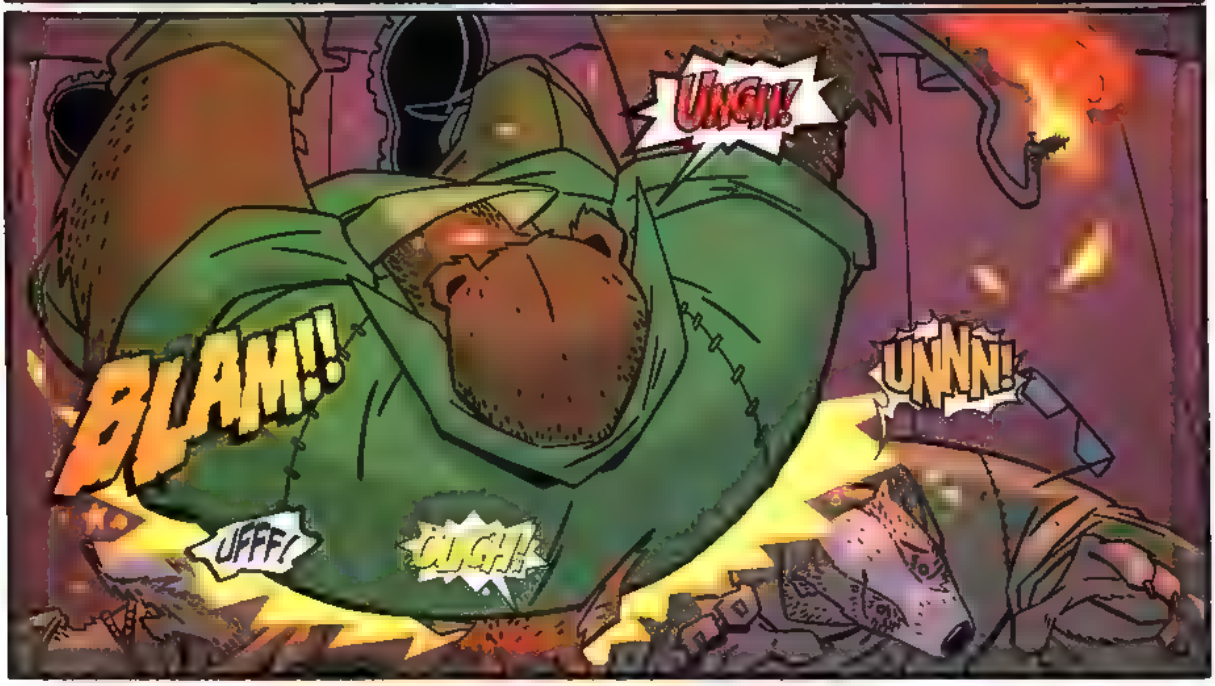
GROUND IS LOOKING A LOT LESS INVITING THAN USUAL...

RIKK! DUDE!! I LIKE SO GRABBED THAT MIRROR AND LEPT IT DOWN ON THE GROUND!
WHAT CAN I DO NOW?
WELL, BRAD, YOU MAY NOT HAVE NOTICED THIS, BUT THERE'S A BIG BEAR TUGG'N' ON MY ROPE, TRYIN' TO YANK ME OUTTA THE SKY! AND SINCE YOU CAN BREATHE FIRE...
WELL, UH...LIKE, WHADDAYA WANT ME TO DO?
LIGHT THE ROPE, YOU IDIOT! LIGHT THE ROPE!!
OH
FOOOOOM!!
NOT ABOVE ME, YOU IMBECILE!!--
-BELOW ME!!!

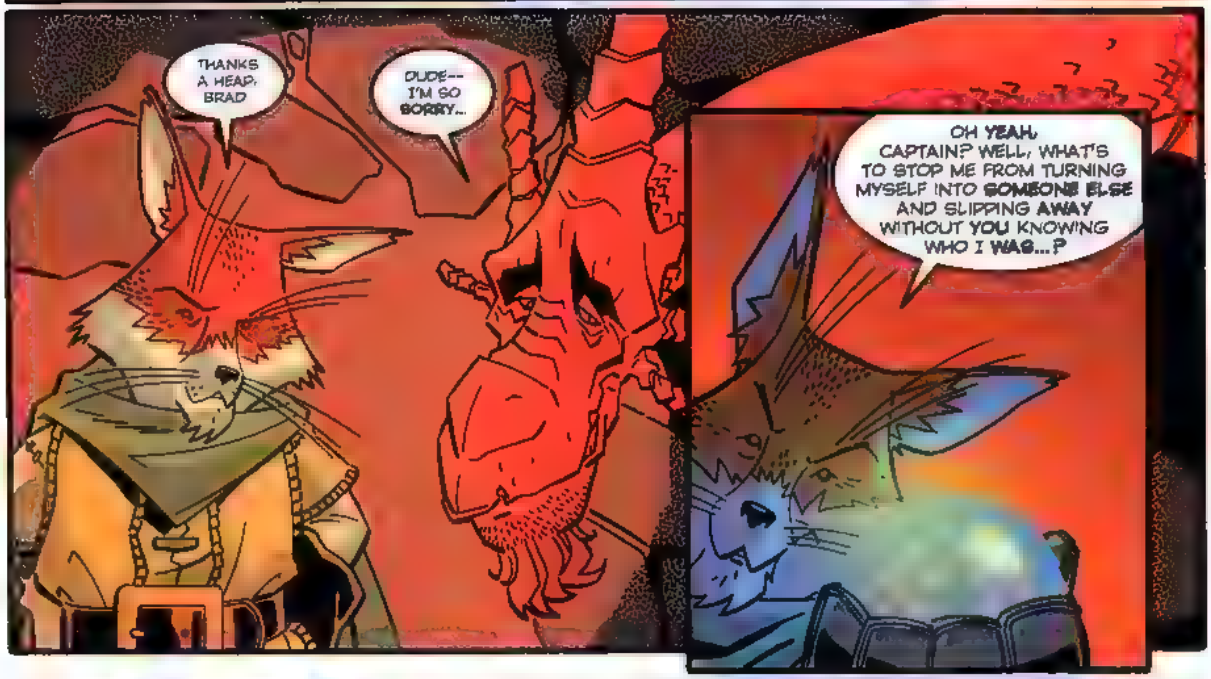
OH, NEVERMIND! I'LL DITCH HERE!
HUHP

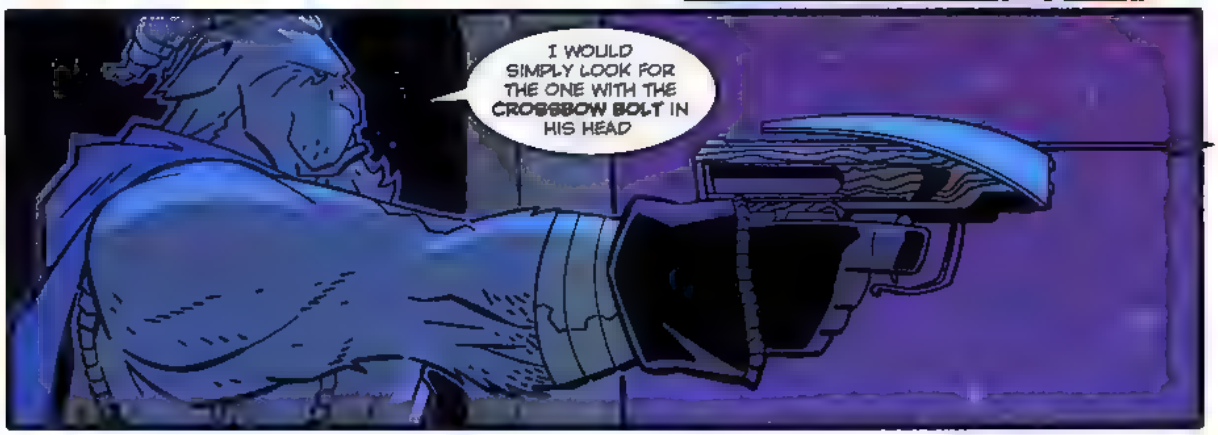
WAIT A M'NNIT-- BUGDUSTY! WHERE ARE YA GO--
uh oh

OOOOOOHH.. WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOU--


UNGH!
BLAM!!
UNNN!
UFFF!
OUGH!

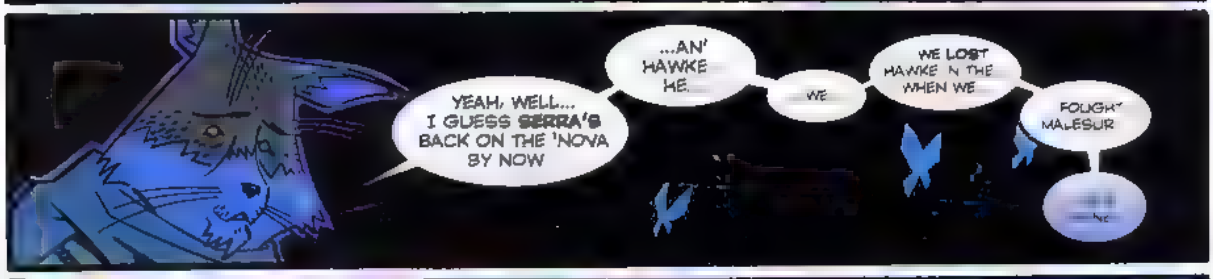
OUCH. THAT HADDA--
TWITCH EVEN ONE WHISKER, THIEF, AND I'LL LET FLY THIS SHAFT! I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE YOUR ULFEN PARTNER HAS ESCAPED TO--
--BUT THANKS TO THAT BUMBLING DRAGON, I FINALLY HAVE THE CRETIN WHO STOLE THE SPHERE OF 'SQUERADE!!

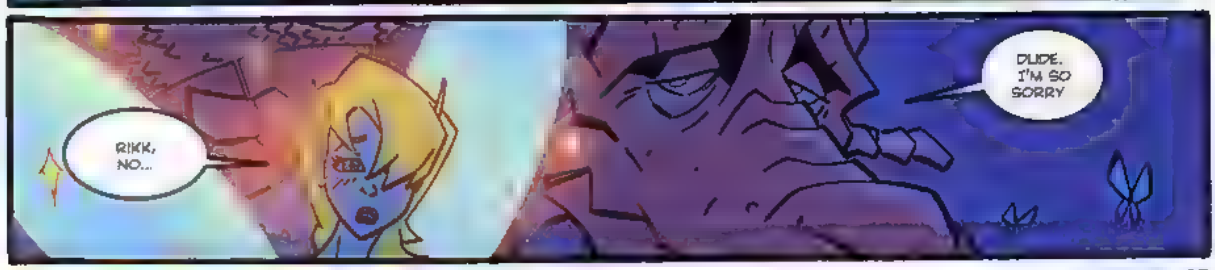

THANKS A HEAP, BRAD
DUDE-- I'M SO SORRY...
OH YEAH, CAPTAIN? WELL, WHAT'S TO STOP ME FROM TURNING MYSELF INTO SOMEONE ELSE AND SLIPPING AWAY WITHOUT YOU KNOWING WHO I WAS...?


I WOULD SIMPLY LOOK FOR THE ONE WITH THE CROSSBOW BOLT IN HIS HEAD

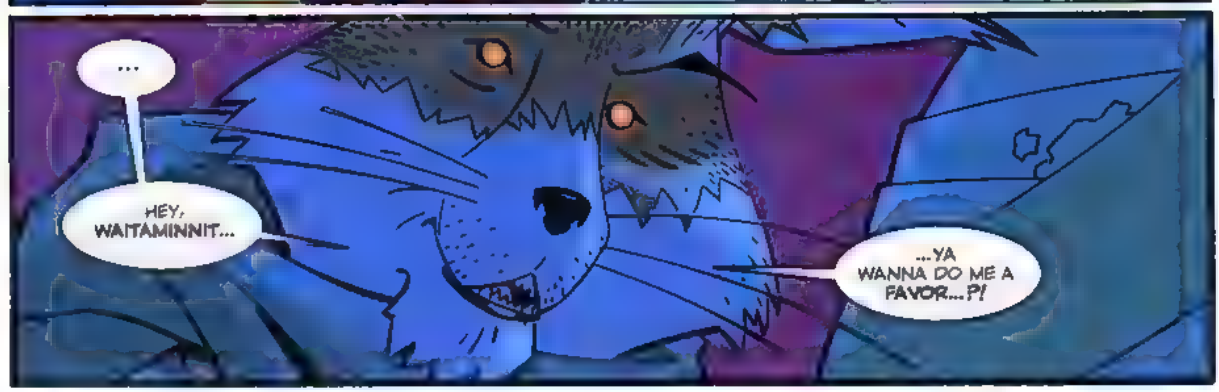
OH GOOD POINT
WELL, THEN, LET ME ASK YOU THIS, HORNY...DO YOU KNOW HOW THE SPHERE WORKS...?
I AM NO MAGICIAN. I AM ONLY THE CAPTAIN OF HER REGENT'S ROYAL GUARD.
GOOD
CATCH
NO, YOU CHURL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! YOU'LL BREAK--
...?
WHA-?
THE FOX IS MINE, MY BROTHERS! TAKE HIM!
NO! NO! YOU FOOLS, YOU'RE MISTAKEN! I'M NOT HIM! LOOK! HE'S RIGHT OVER--
NOOOOO!
YIKES THAT'S NOT GOOD

LATER--
...A FINE MESS, I ALMOST LOST THE DAMN THING! AN' THIS ONE IS REALLY IMPORTANT! I GOT IT FOR--
RIKK! DUDE-- WE'RE RILLY SORRY! I MEAN, HOW WERE WE S'POSED TO KNOW WHERE YOU WERE REALLY...?! WE WERE JUST TRYIN' T'MAKE SURE HE DIN'T GET ANYWHERE NEAR YOU AN'--
HEY! WHERE IS HAWKE ANYWAY.. ?
AND SERRA? THE LAST WE KNEW YOU WERE ALL OFF TO--


YEAH, WELL... I GUESS SERRA'S BACK ON THE 'NOVA BY NOW
...AN' HAWKE HE...
WE
WE LOST HAWKE IN THE WHEN WE
FOUGHT MALESUR


RIKK, NO...
DUDE. I'M SO SORRY

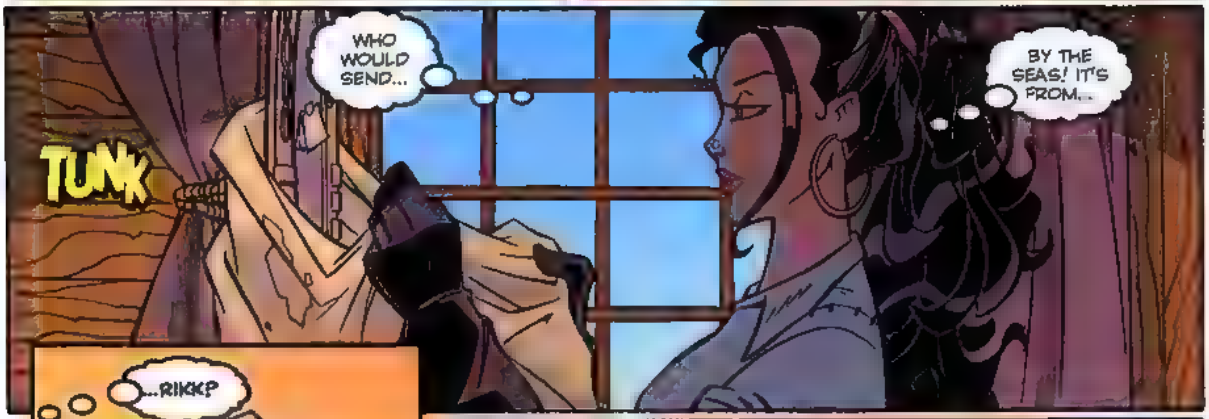
YEAH, WELL, ENOUGHA THAT! LISTEN YOU TWO, REMEMBER; IF YA REALLY WANNA DO ME A FAVOR...
...DON'T DO ME ANY FAVORS!

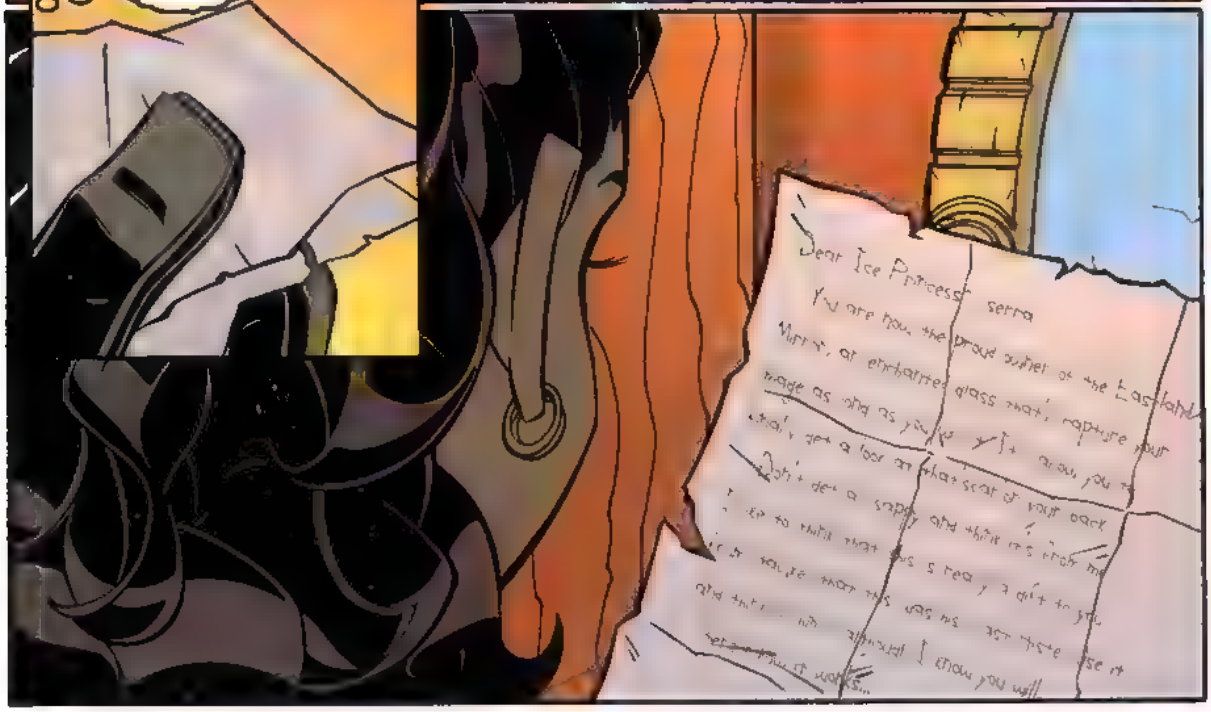

...
HEY, WAITAMINNIT...
...YA WANNA DO ME A FAVOR...?!

Three suns later--
On the beautiful Mon Ki Sea--
NOK NOK NOK
SERRA. .?
SERRA, LASS, IT'S TUGGLE. 'RE YA IN THERE...? YE'VE GOT A--
ACH, LASS--WHAT AILS YA?
SORRY, TUG--LITTLE SEASICKNESS
I GUESS I WAS ON LAND SO LONG I HAVEN'T GOT MY "SEA LEGS" BACK YET...

WELL, THIS MIGHT PICK YA UP...THIS JUS' CAME PER YA, SPECIAL DELIVERY, FROM FAEREX.
DANI DELIVERED IT, ALONG WITH THIS DOPEY RED DRAGON...

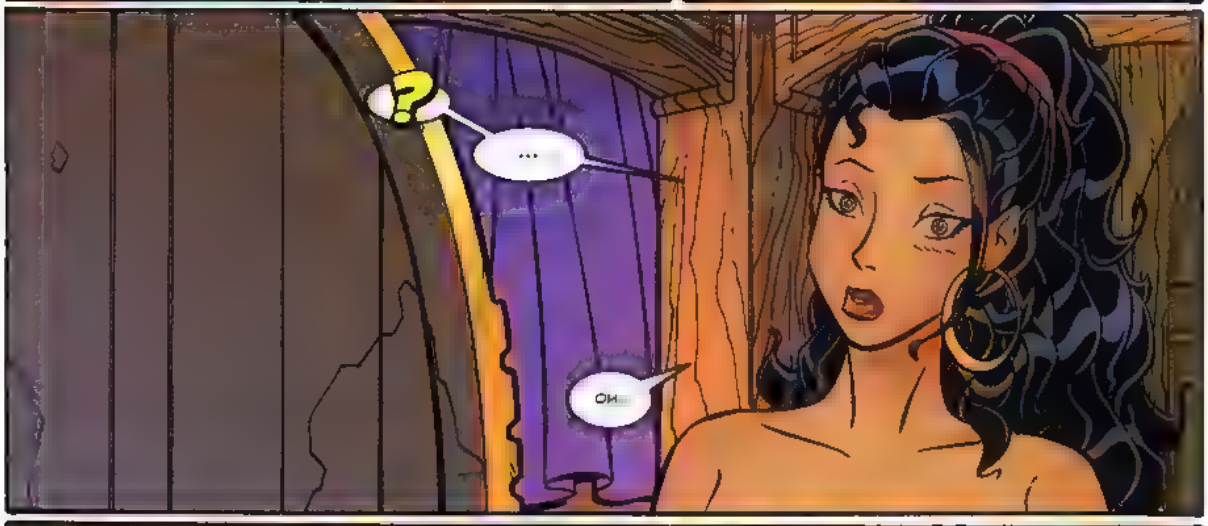
DANI... AND BRADP DID THEY STAY?
NAH. THEY LEFT RIGHT AWAY. SAID IT WAS SPECIAL.
WE'LL LEAVE YA ALONE WITH IT


WHO WOULD SEND...
BY THE SEAS! IT'S FROM...
TUNK


...RIKK?

TYPICAL RIKK. DOING ALL HE CAN TO LOOK LIKE HE'S NOT GETTING SOPT... THE LITTLE JERK
STILL... IT WAS SWEET OF HIM TO.
GODS! WHAT AM I THINKING...?!

OKAY, RIKK-- LET'S SEE IF THIS THING DOES WHAT IT REALLY SAYS IT DOES, OR IF YOU LIFTED A WORTHLESS PIECE OF--


?
...
OH...

OH, RIKK
THANK YOU...

..thank you so much...

YO! KOU-DUDE! WHATCHA DOON'?

AH, BRAD I WAS JUST. THINKING...

'BOUT...?

neh... WOULD YOU BELIEVE... "DESTINY?"

LATELY, I'VE HAD TO PUT MY OWN ON **HOLD** TO CHASE AFTER **JAREK'S**. NOT THAT I'M **COMPLAINING**...HE'S MY **FRIEND**...I'D DO **ANYTHING**...

MY...MY PEOPLE WERE **SLAVES**, FORCED TO FIGHT AS **WARRIORS** IN A HORRIBLE **WAR**. AS A CUB, I **ESCAPED** AND VOWED TO RETURN WITH MORE OF MY PEOPLE TO **FREE** THE OTHERS...

TROUBLE IS, I CAN'T FIND MY **HOMELAND**. LIKE IT NEVER **EXISTED**. AND IN ALL OF **TELLOS**, I HAVE NEVER MET ANOTHER SOUL WHO'S EVER EVEN **SEEN** A MAN-TIGER LIKE ME...

MAN-TIGER? DIDN'T TOLI ONCE TELL ME THAT...

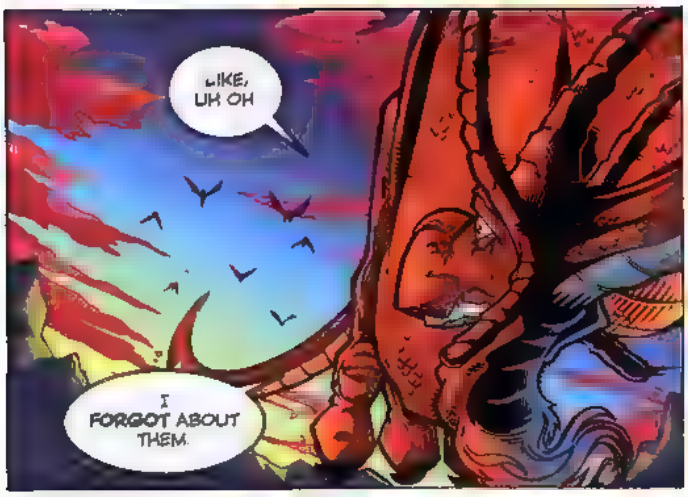
HEY! THAT'S **IT!** KOU-DUDE, I THINK I KNOW A DUDE WHO MIGHT **KNOW** SOMETHIN' ABOUT THAT!

HUH?!

WHO?!

BRAD, YOU HAVE TO **TELL ME!**

"TELL YA? DUDE I'LL TAKE YA!"
TOLI IS LIKE, DUDE... THE GREATEST GUY! HE'S KINDA LIKE A MAGE, LIKE YOUR PAL TOM. HE'S LIKE PSYCHIC AN' STUFF. HIS PLACE IS JUST SIX AND A HALF LEAGUES FROM HERE. IT SHOULDN'T BE ANY--


LIKE, UH OH
I FORGOT ABOUT THEM.

"WHAT ARE THEY?"
"GREMLYNS, MAN. AND THEY'RE GONNA GIVE US TROUBLE."

THEN IT'S A GOOD THING THERE'S ONLY SEVEN OF THEM.

...ALTHOUGH I WON'T MIND TRIMMING THAT NUMBER DOWN TO--
--SIX AND A HALF!!
OH, DUDE--DON'T DO THAT!!
PLINK
PLINK
FORGOT TO TELL YA...YA CUT 'EM IN TWO, YA GET TWO..!
DON'T SLICE 'EM, BONK 'EM.
BONK THEM?
WITH THE HILT OF YER SWORD, RIGHT ON TOPPA THE HEAD!
KNOCKS 'EM OUT COLD!
BYE, GREMLYN-DUDE

And soon--
YO! TOLI-DUDE! PERMISSION TO COME ABOARD YER LIKE, COOL FLOATIN' PAD...?!
BROD, MON. T'AT CHOOP WHO YOU GOT WITCHOO, MON? WHAT HE WEIGH?
S'MY FRIEND, KOJ, TOLI! AN' I DUNNO WHAT HE WE GHS MAYBE THREE-, FOUR-HUNDRED POUNDS...?
TAKE DE T'REE, CARRY DE TWO
AH, WHATEVER-
DIS SHOULD DO!
What's he...?
Don't ask

WELCOME, KOJ-- WELCOME TO MY PAD, MON! WHAT IS MINE, IS YOURS! MAKE Y'SELF TA HOME!

SO WHA'TIS GOIN' ON HERE, ME SCALY FRIEND? DIS ISN'T JUS' A REGULAR VISIT-ISIT?
SEE, KOJ? I TOLDJA HE WAS PSYCHIC!
TOL'-DUDE-- KOJ HERE IS LOOKIN' FER HIS HOMELAND, T'FIND MORE A HIS PEOPLE, AN' I SEEM T'REMEMBER YOU SAYIN' YOU'D SEEN A TIGER-GUY ONCE

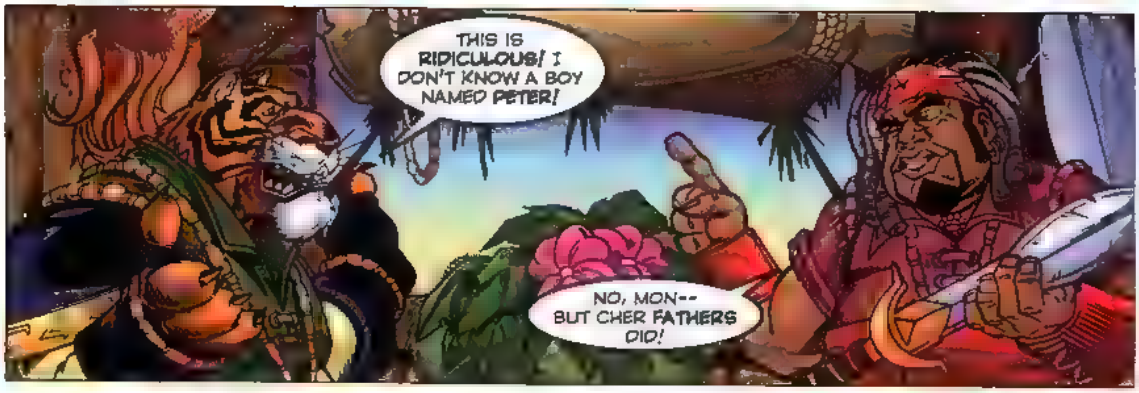
AH, YES, BOT IT WAS A DIFFERENT TIME, IN A DIFFERENT LAND...
HE, TOO, T'OUGHT DOT HE WAS DE LAS' OF HIS KIND...AN' YET, HE CELEBRATED DIS, HIS UNIQUENESS, AN' PARTIED WID ALL DE OTHER ANIMAL...
DERE WAS A BEAR, AN' A KANGA, A LITTLE PIG, AN' A DONKEY--

--AN' HE SPELL HIS NAME, MON, WID DA TWO 'G'S
S HE...
HE'S JUST GETTIN' STARTED..

YER SKEPTICAL. TIS OKAY, MON GIVE TO ME YER SWORD, KOJI, SO I C'N SEE YER PAST...AN' YER FUTURE..
DO IT, DUDE--HE'S RILLY GOOD!

YOU SEEK FAMILY...I CON SEE A SISTER...SHE IS CLOSE, BUT...BUT SHE IS NOT A CAT...
OH! I SEE AN ACCIDENT! SHE ...OH, SORRY... IT'S ALREADY HAPPENED...

I SEE A BOY...
JAREK?!
NO, 'S NAME IS PETER... A SPIDER BIT HIM...


THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I DON'T KNOW A BOY NAMED PETER!
NO, MON-- BUT CHER FATHERS DID!

I SEE JAREK... I SEE HIS STRENGTH IN YOU...I SEE A BATTLE...AND A SACRIFICE...
.. AND DEATH...
BUT 'TIS NOT DEATH THAT TEARS YOU APART...TIS DEATH THAT BRINGS YOU TOGETHER...
ALL RIGHT. THAT'S ENOUGH

THANK YOU, TOLI, FOR YOUR INDISPENSIBLE KNOWLEDGE, BUT I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THESE VAGUE PROPHECIES...
THEY MEAN NOTHING TO ME

STOP **APOLOGIZING**, BRAD. **YOU** HAD THE BEST **INTENTIONS** AND I HAD A MOMENT OF **HOPE**.

YES, I'M **DISAPPOINTED**, BUT IT'S NOT **YOUR** FAULT. I THANK YOU FOR **TRYING**. YOU'RE A **GOOD FRIEND**.

YEAH, BUT DUDE... I SHOULDA **WARNED** YA THAT TOLI SOMETIMES HAS **TROUBLE** TELLING HIS DREAMS AN' STUFF FROM **REALITY**. HE'S A COOL **GUY**, BUT A BIT OF A **WHACK** SOMETIMES.

LEAST THINGS CAN'T GET ANY **WORSE**.

LIKE, ME AN' MY BIG **MOUTH**. HERE COME THE **GREMLYNS**.

End.

Tellos: **Creative Team Biography**

Dave Tata

So after seeing this story you're saying to yourself Who's this new guy?

Well, believe it or not, I've been in the comic book industry for over 6 years now! I went to college for Illustration at U Mass Dartmouth. It is there, I met Craig Rousseau in one of my painting classes and we have been good friends ever since. After college, I did what every aspiring comic book artist does, hit the convention circuit. Craig, Norman Lee, and I would also head down to NYC and try and get interviews with editors at Marvel and DC comics. As luck would have it, a close high school friend of mine had a job working at Marvels Creative Services department and helped to introduce me to some of the editors. A year passed and after honing my penciling skills some more, I got my first freelance job at Marvel designing, at the time, the latest craze: pogs. From there I went on to do more work for Marvel Comics including several mini-comics, TSR gaming covers, trading cards, and children's books. Some of my career highlights have included the revamp of the SPIDER-MAN vs. SMOKE-SCREEN comic, SPIDER-MAN vs. VENOM TOY FAIR 98 comic, characterdesigns for BLACK BULL COMIC's SHADOW REAVERS and this book that you're reading right now. I'm also penciling the JET PACK PETS for DISNEY'S ADVENTURE COMICS. I currently reside in Massachusetts with my beautiful wife Ann, our daughter Autumn, and in a few short months, my son Dominic. My full time job is an animator and storyboard artist for Soup2Nuts Studios (formally Tom Snyder Productions). I'm currently working on HOME MOVIES which will air on CARTOON NETWORK this fall. Before my fifteen minutes of fame is up in the comic book industry, I would LOVE to get a chance to do a BATMAN story for DC COMICS and NICK FURY for MARVEL. If it is up, then I have a few "thank yous" to give out. First and foremost Mike Thomas, I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing today if it wasn't for him. Glenn Herdling, the first editor to ever give me a job. Steve Behling, Gary Black, and Mike Stewart for continually hiring me for their great projects. My parents for supporting me in all my endeavors. My wife for dealing with all those late nights I keep doing my freelance work (hey, its all for our future home). And last but not lest, Craig for giving up these seven pages and Todd and Mike for letting me play in their world of Tellos. Thanks guys! I hope I can return someday. Its been a ton of fun. **To find out more about me and to see more of my work and animation, check out www.davetata.com**

NormanLee

todd: "Hey, Norman, do you have anything that you could give us for a bio for The Last Heist. I'm putting a page in to introduce alla you guys and let people know where else they can see your stuff."
norman: "I don't know if anyone really wants to hear about any of the other stuff I've been doing."
todd: "Well, do you wanna say anything about SPYBOY or the STAR WARS stuff you're doing? Or what about that PLANET OF
THE APES stuff?"
norman: "Oh, good idea. Write that."
todd: "Write it?! I'm s'posed to be writing this down?!"
norman: "Yeah, couldja?"
todd: "..."
todd: "yeah, okay..."

To Mike,and Todd,
Its been a blast working on Tellos. Thanks for letting me be apart of it.

Take care.
Norman

DerekFridolfs

Derek graduated from California State University Fresno with a Bachelors in English, on a full scholarship in music (playing trumpet and having traveled to play in Germany, Austria, New Orleans, Hawaii and all over California), and through all that...continues to fuel his desire of creativity in comics.

Having followed comics since his grade school days, it really wasn't until college when he met a group of local artists that shared his same love and desire to create...either writing, drawing, inking, or coloring. Every year was spent preparing samples to show at the WonderCon in Oakland, and San Diego Comic Con. He got his break working on a pinup in the back of Bone #32, followed by inking a short story for the ill-fated Dreamsmith Studios' comic anthology "BOOK". But it really wasn't until the right timing, skill, and luck that his samples crossed the desks of both Marvel and Wildstorm when he broke in.

In his short career of working in the industry since late '99, Derek has been fortunate enough to work on a wide range of titles including The Authority, Gen Active, Gen13, Star Trek, Angel, and Wolverine...but probably best known inking the Jet mini-series for Wildstorm. And if anyone would've told him he would've gotten to work on Tellos...a favorite of his as a reader....he would've said they were lying. Being involved on issue #9 of Tellos, as well as being invited back to pitch in on this very issue, he feels honored and can only hope to be involved again in the future.

He would like to thank his Militant Studios mates, both past and present (hey Ken, Paul, Richard, Jesse, and KC); thank his family for hanging in there during his continued struggles of working in comics, and thank Melissa for her constant love and support.

TomSmith

Another shocked & proud American citizen & colorist trying to cope with the hate, grief, and life following the horrible events of 9/11/2001" which happened during coloring this project.

God Bless and watch over the victims & families of cowardly horrible terrorist attack and the brave men & women who tried to save them and dig them out.
God Bless America !

CraigRousseau

"Special Thanks to Terry Austin for jumping in and helping out with the Inks on pages 35-39!
Thanks, Ter--you're the Best!!"

Thanks for doin' this, you guys!! It's deeply appreciated!
todd

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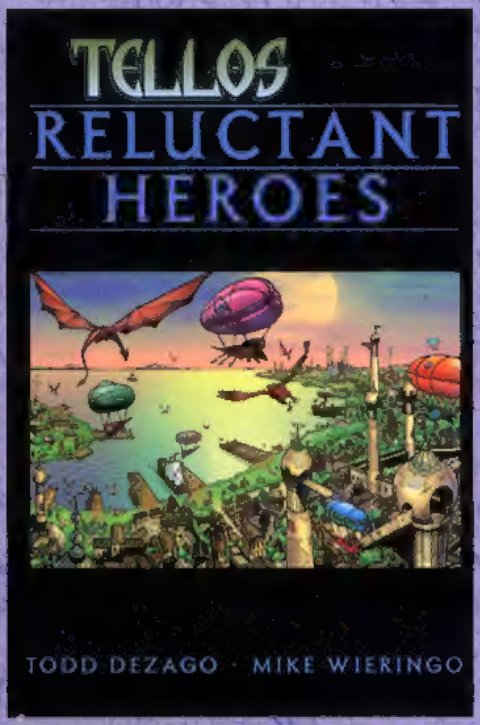

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